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(57) **Abstract:** An improved process for improving the purity of an impure material, for example for producing low color nicotine is disclosed. The process involves passing a solution of less pure material, for example nicotine, in a non-aqueous solvent, such as a fluorinated hydrocarbon, for example tetrafluoroethane, through an ion exchange resin or absorbent such that the impurity is retained on the resin, and purer material passes through. The process eliminates the need for distillation to prepare a purer material, for example to separate nicotine from colour causing compounds. Said process is non-flammable, non-ozone depleting, and has low toxicity.

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